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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests.- South Kanara - Thodikan reserved forests - closure to grazing - petition from ryots - papers recorded.

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To

The Co''ctor of South Kanara,

Mangalore.

The humble petition of the residents of Thodikana Village, Puttur Taluk, South Kanara District.

Dated 29th June, 1932.

T.A.S.
As this is only a copy addressed to the Collector, it may be "lodged" awaiting the report from the Collector.
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Aggrieved by the order of the Collector of 17-5-1932 closing the Thodikana Reserve Forest for grazing of the cattle of the villagers from 1- 6- 1932, the above petitioners make the following appeal on the following among other grounds:-

1. The village of Thodikana with the exception of the residential houses of the villagers and the small~~est place~~ patches of land immediately surrounding ~~it~~ them which is all the Revenue land in the village, all the other land is classed as "Reserve Forest" and necessarily the villagers have to graze their cattle only in the Reserve Forest as they have been doing from of old. The order of the Collector of South Kanara abovesaid has deprived the villagers of the only means of grazing their cattle.

2. The petitioners learn that owing to the fire which broke out in the forest owing really to the lateness of rainfall this year and to the spread of fire from Coorg side, but wrongly ascribed by the Forest Officials to the mischief of some villagers, which latter is false as the villagers themselves would

never set fire to the forests which are so close to their dwelling houses and which would burn their houses as well as has actually happened causing ~~absent~~ about 3 or 4 thousand Rupees damage by the burning of about three houses, the forest officials appear to have reported to the Collector to stop the privilege of grazing as a punishment. The result is that the villagers as a whole are put to very serious hardship, the cattle cannot but be grazed in the only available land which is all classed as forest land and the moment cattle are found there, they are sent to the pound and villagers are forced to pay Rs. 2/- each per head of buffalo, and Re. 1/- each per head of cow. in addition to the feeding charges and compounding fees. Even if cattle are found on the road side, forest officials impound them and put the villagers to serious trouble and loss.

3. Cattle are absolutely necessary for cultivation purposes of the villagers both for manure and tilling as well as for the milk supply. For want of a grazing ground, the cattle of the village have all been sent to Coorg to the house of the relative of the villagers in the neighbouring district of Coorg. or to other villagers. which will seriously effect the cultivation and health of the villagers.

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fication of the order of the Collector of South Kanara abovesaid, the petitioners may be allowed to graze their cattle as before. For which act of kindness and justice the petitioners shall ever be grateful.

All communications regarding the above petition may be addressed to "Thodikana Shanker Bhat, son of Bhima Bhat, residing in Thodikana Village, Post Sampaje, S.Kanara

1. రామాంజి వ్యాకరణము.
2. K. Rangayya.
3. శ్రీ. శంకరచరణ
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26. — త్రి —— త్రి —— మేడుపండగ
27. — త్రి —— త్రి —— అనంత శివుడు.
28. — త్రి —— త్రి. —— దానమ్మ చెప్పాలి
29. — త్రి —— త్రి —— ~~(illegible)~~ బిల్ల కాలేదు
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40. V. N. Gopalkrishnaya.

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To

The Secretary — Non Member

The Government of Madras

C. Ramana

Nilgiri

Dev. Dept

Our No. 1560 T/32-1 Dy. 29-7-

Subject Forests

Closure of certain grazing areas South Kanara

Ref. Petition Dy. 22-6-1932 addressed to the Collector of South Kanara by the residents of Hodikana village Puttur taluk S.K.

The attention of the Collector of South Kanara is invited to the above petition a copy of which has been received by Govt, and he is requested to submit a detailed report on the matter at an early date.

By order,

Section Officer

To

The Collector of South Kanara

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Remainder on 25-8-32.

Note

The petition is addressed

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to the Collector and there is no indication* on the typed copy or the I-R.F. that a copy of it has been submitted direct to Govt. It would seem therefore better to ask the Collector to submit a detailed report. If so, the Dft. overleaf is for approval.

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The copy has been sent to the Govt
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Subject.

Forests - Thodikan Reserve Forest - closure to grazi
Government Memorandum No.1560-I/32-1, dated 29th Jul
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No. R.O.C.6300-32-B1.

Station Mangalore, *Dated the* 3rd August 1932. ~~19~~.

From (Name) Khan Bahadur J. Hussain, Bar-at-Law,
(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,

Sir,

On 30th April 1932, the District Forest Officer, South Mangalore reported that there had been three cases of fire inside the Thodikan Reserve Forest sweeping an area of 293 acres at 3 distinct localities commencing from the Reserve line or from paths frequented by cattle and me and recommended that the whole Reserve Forest should be closed against grazing.

2. There had also been 3 cases of incendiarism in 1931 burning an area of 64½ acres in different localities in the same reserve. Direct evidence as to the origin of the fire was not forthcoming; but the District Forest

Officer was of opinion that it was caused by cattle owners or graziers. The Conservator of Forests, VI Circle, supported the District Forest Officer's proposal. As a punishment to the villagers, I suspended the exercise of the rights of pasture up to 30th June 1933. The Chief Conservator concurred in my action in his Proceedings Rt.No.343, dated 27th May 1932.

3) Thodikan Reserve Forest is 2859 acres in extent and the villages concerned are Sampaje and Thodikan. According to the last Cattle Census, there were 1175 heads of cattle in the village of which only 235 had recourse to the Reserve Forest last year.

4) I have already asked the District Forest Officer to report on para 2 of the petition referred to, and on hearing from him, I shall send a further report.

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For Collector.

M.D.D.O/O.

4.8.32

To A.S.

The further report referred to at 'A' above may be awaited till 6-9-32

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Forests - Thodikan Reserve Forest - Closure to grazing - This office R.O.C. 6300-32-B1, dated 3.8.1932.

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No. L.Dis.5822-32-B1.

Station Mangalore, *Dated the* 11th August 1932.

From (Name) Khan Bahadur J. Hussain, Bar-at-Law,
(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Madras.

Sir,

The District Forest Officer, South Mangalore informs me that he and the Conservator inspected parts of the ----- village of Thodikan and the Reserve and see that there is no extreme difficulty for grazing; however, steps to throw open a part of the Reserve for grazing are under contemplation.

It is true that a few houses got burnt as the forest fires became uncontrollable. One of the fires originated inside the Reserve; it is not possible now to say where -- the other two which extended up to Coorg limits originated. However, the District Forest Officer reports that the fire

occurrence reports sent by the Range Officer showed that they did not originate in Coorg forests, but in the ---- kumki land in the village. The villagers did nothing t put out the fires. The District Forest Officer further reports that cattle found along the road side are neve: impounded.

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For Collector.

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Dev. Dept

Ord. No. 1560 J/32-2 dt. 26-8-32

Forests – Rhodi Kan reserved forest – closure to grazing

Letter from the Collector of S. Kanara L. dis. No. 5822-B2-B1, dt. 11-8-32

Ref. 9-10 C.F.

The petitioners allege that excepting the sites of their dwelling houses and small patches of land immediately adjoining them, the entire extent of the village is reserved forest. But in the Collector's letter No. R.O.C. 6300-32-B1 dt. the 3rd August 1932 it is stated

Para 1 on 1C-F

Ref. 7-8 C.F.

Para 3 on 1 8C-F

that last year only one fifth of the cattle in the village had recourse to grazing in reserved forest. If this be so, the remaining four fifths of the cattle should have derived their grazing from the unreserves and the statement of the petitioners that almost the entire land is reserved forest must be incorrect.

R. issued on 28-9-32

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The Collector of S. Kanara is

therefore requested to report the extent of unreserves in the village and also to state where the remaining four fifths of the village cattle get their grazing ground

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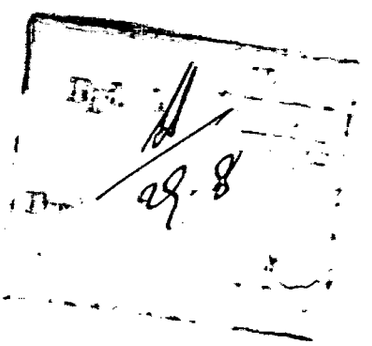
To

The Collector of S. Kanara.



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No. L.Dis.7968-32-B1.

Station Mangalore *Dated the* 25th October 192 32.

From (Name) Khan Bahadur J. Hussain, Bar-at-Law,

(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Development Department,

Madras

Sir,

The statement of the petitioner that excepting the sites of their dwelling houses and small patches of land immediately adjoining them the entire extent of the village is reserved forest is incorrect. The extent of unreserves is about 1908.63 acres. Enquiry shows that some of the ryots do not allow their cattle to go for grazing. The four-fifths of the cattle referred to were either grazing in the unreserves or got their grass from them.

For Collector.

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Dev. Dept

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grazing.

To A.S.

Please see the petition
on pages 1-2 C.F. and the Collector's
report on pages 7-10 C.F.

para 3 on p 8 C.F

Only two villages are affec
by the closure of the reserve. The tota
no. of cattle in the two villages
is said to be 1175 of which only 235
heads of cattle had recourse to the
reserved forest last year. The D.F.
and the Conservator inspected parts
of the village of Thodikan (one of the
villages affected) and is of opinia
that there is no great difficulty for
grazing. However the Collector is
taking considering the question of
throwing open a part of the reserve
for grazing. He has stated
that the cattle found along the
road side are never impounded
as alleged by the petitioners.

para 1 on p 9 C.F.

'A' on p 10 C.F.

No action seems called for
Perhaps the Collector may be

asked to send a copy of this final order for the information of the Sett. A draft Ord. is submitted for approval.

The petitioners allege that excepting the sites of their dwelling houses and small patches of land immediately adjoining them the entire extent of the villages is Reserve Forest. The Collector's report shows that of only a fifth of the cattle had recourse to the forest for grazing. If this is so, the rest of the cattle must have derived their grazing from the increase and the statement of the villagers that almost the entire extent must be incorrect.
of land is forest. The Collector may be asked to report the extent of increase and whether the remaining four fifths of the villagers' cattle get their grazing.

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28/8/32

To A.S.

A draft Ord. is submitted for approval.

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Please see the Collector's reply at p. 13 C.F. In the circumstances stated therein no further action is necessary. The papers may be

Forest No. 1124 dt. 2-11-

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Forest - South Kanara - Modikan reserved forest - closure to grazing - petn. from ryots - papers recorded.

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